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RE: New Patent Application in U.S.  
Applicant: Fridtjov JOHANSEN  
Title: ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ISOLATION MATERIAL AND METHOD...  
Atty's Docket: JOHANSEN3

Sir:

Attached herewith is the above-identified application for Letters Patent including:

- [X] Specification (6 pages in Norweigan), claims (2 pages) and abstract (1 page)
- [X] 1 Sheets Drawings (Figures 1-1)
  - [X] Formal [ ] Informal
- [X] The inventors of this application are:  
Fridtjov JOHANSEN, a Norweigan citizen, of Oslo, Norway
- [ ] Information Disclosure Statement with ( ) references
- [X] Return Receipt Postcard (in duplicate)

The following statements are applicable:

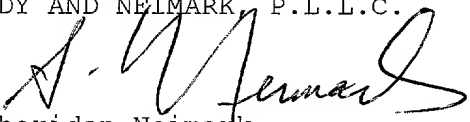
- [ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- [X] The benefit under 35 USC '119 is claimed of the filing date of:  
Application No. 19996457 in Norway on December 23, 2000 and No.  
20005915 in Norway on November 22, 2000. A certified copy of said  
priority document  
[ ] is attached  
[ ] was filed in progenitor case \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional  
Appln. No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed.
- [ ] The present application is a [ ] Continuation [ ] Divisional  
[ ] Continuation-in-part of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
Although this application is stated to be a CIP, applicant does not  
concede that any matter is presented in this application which is  
not present in the parent.
- [ ] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior  
application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is  
supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of



the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- [ ] The undersigned attorney of record hereby appoints associate power of attorney, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith to:
- [X] In accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(a) and (b), it is respectfully requested that a serial number and filing date be assigned to this application as of the date of receipt of the present papers. In accordance with the present procedures of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, an executed Declaration and the filing fee for the present application will be filed in due course.
- [X] **No** authorization is given for charging the filing fee at the present time. However, at such time that the declaration is filed, but not before, you are authorized to charge whatever excess fees are necessary (including the filing fee and any extension of time fees then due) to Deposit Account 02-4035, if any such fees due are not fully covered by check filed at that time.
- [X] The attorneys of record for this application and the address will be those of Customer No. 001444; i.e., Sheridan Neimark, Reg. No. 20,520; Roger L. Browdy, Reg. No. 25,618; Anne M. Kornbau, Reg. No. 25,884; Norman J. Latker, Reg. 19,963; Iver P. Cooper, Reg. No. 28,005; and \*Allen C. Yun, Reg. No. 37,971 (\*Patent Agent). Please send all correspondence with respect to this case to:
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- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment of fees accompanying this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-4035.

Respectfully submitted,  
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